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My name is Asger Christensen, and I am a Danish farmer and I have been a farmer for 40 years.

I am a member of the committees of agriculture and fisheries – and I am also a substitute in the transport committee, which comes as a natural extension to the other two committees.

Everything must be transported. Food and agricultural products makes up 25% of all transports.

In my opinion, it is important to be as energy efficient as possible. The more weight we are allowed to have on the transports the more energy efficient the transport will be. Besides that, increasing the number of heavier vehicles will reduce the total amount of vehicles on the roads.

And this is important not least in a time where we see a shortage of drivers in road transport.

I am a big advocate of eco trucks. However, I will like to underline, that there is a need for cooperation, and that there cannot be a battle between rail and road transport. We need both.

We should be open minded to different technologies and be aware that there is not only one solution or energy source to the whole transport industry.

If we make the wrong choice of source, it will cause many problems.

At this point the energy in the EU are two to three times more expensive than in the US.

We have very good experience with driving with heavier and longer trucks in the Nordic countries, and we would like to continue doing that. I therefore hope my colleagues and EU

Member States will make progress and soon come to an agreement on the revision of the Weights and Dimensions Directive.